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Is your blood pure? Is your skin pale and dry? Are you thin and run down in flesh? Do you get tired easily? Have you boils or eczema? Do you sleep well at night? Are you nervous? Have you a good appetite?

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Hot and Cold Water throughout.

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Hongkong June 10, 1902.

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Hongkong, November 26, 1903.

## Intimations.

### LOST.

A T Blake Pier, on 27th inst., a SMALL BLACK MONGREL TERRIER DOG, very short legs, lame left hind leg. Answer to Name "Bobby." Reward on return to the Canton Steamer "Kwong Choo." Hongkong, November 26, 1903. 2186

### NOTICE.

REFERRING to the Advertisement Underneath we have this Day Transferred our Business and Liabilities, together with all Assets and Liabilities, to the HOLLAND-CHINA TRADES COMPANY, COMPAGNIE (Holland China Trading Co.) which will collect and discharge all accounts due to and owing by us.

HOLLAND-CHINA SYNDICAT.

Rotterdam, October 1, 1903.

WE HAVE THIS DAY Established at Rotterdam, Hongkong, Shanghai and Tientsin, taking over as going concerns the Business and Liabilities of Messrs J. H. BROWN & CO., and the HOLLAND-CHINA SYNDICAT. Messrs J. H. COLLIGNON, S. J. R. DE MONTCHY JR. and F. P. JACOB have been appointed General Managers, and we have authorized Messrs G. BAKKER, G. BRUSSE, J. HUIDEKOPPER, W. KIEN and C. A. WEGELIN, to sign the Company per Procuration.

HOLLAND-CHINA TRADES COMPANY.

(HOLLAND-CHINA TRADING COMPANY.)

Rotterdam, October 1, 1903. 2187

### NOTICE.

WE HAVE THIS DAY authorized Mr. M. HIGASHI to sign our Firm per Procuration.

MIDZUSHIMA & CO.

Hongkong, November 21, 1903. 2187

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Moderate Charges.

MRS. WATLING,  
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Hongkong, January 14, 1903. 26

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WELLIN'S FOOD is free from Starch. When prepared  
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Safest and most  
Gentle Medicine for  
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Sickness of Pregnancy.

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## Intimations.

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

INFORMATION has been received from  
the MILITARY AUTHORITIES that  
GUN PRACTICE will take place from  
Stonewater Island (West, East and South  
Shore Batteries) on the 4th December, 1903.  
South-Westerly direction at ranges varying  
from 2,000 to 4,500 yards, and from Lyem-  
man (Pak-sha-wan Battery) on the 5th  
December, 1903, in the Direction of Junk  
Bay to the East of the Devil's Peak at a  
range of about 2,000 yards.  
If the weather is unfavourable on either  
of the above dates, practice will take place  
on the 7th December.

Practice will commence at about 9 a.m.  
and finish about 11 a.m. each day, if the  
range is clear.

By Command,  
A. M. THOMSON,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Hongkong, November 23, 1903. 2363

THE CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the  
THIRTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY  
MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the  
above Company will be held at the HEAD  
OFFICE, Victoria, Hongkong, on TUES-  
DAY, the 8th DECEMBER, at Twelve  
o'clock noon, for the purpose of receiving  
the Report of the Directors, together with  
Statement of Accounts to the 30th April  
last, and of declaring Dividends.  
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-  
pany will be CLOSED on the 25th inst.,  
to the 8th DECEMBER, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
JAMES WHITTALL,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, November 16, 1903. 2321

## A. S. WATSON &amp; CO., LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND on Account  
of the year 1903, at the rate of Fifty  
Cents per Share for Five Per Cent on the  
(Capital of the Company) will be Payable at  
the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK,  
Shanghai, on presentation of Warrants  
thereon, on and after the same date.  
The REGISTER of SHARES will be  
CLOSED from MONDAY, the 23rd inst.,  
until MONDAY, the 30th inst., both  
days inclusive, during which period no  
Transfer of Shares will be registered.

By Order,  
A. H. MANCELL,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, November 19, 1903. 2311

## DANCING.

## PLEASE NOTE

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Hongkong, November 2, 1903. 2223

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WAYS COMPANY, LIMITED

## TIME TABLE.

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7.30 a.m. to 8.00 a.m. Every 10 minutes.  
8.00 a.m. to 8.30 a.m. Every 15 minutes.  
8.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. Every 10 minutes.  
9.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.  
11.00 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. Every 15 minutes.  
12.45 p.m. to 1.15 p.m. Every 10 minutes.  
1.15 p.m. to 1.45 p.m. Every 15 minutes.  
1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. Every 10 minutes.  
2.15 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.  
3.00 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. Every 15 minutes.  
3.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.

## NIGHT CARS.

8.45 p.m. and 9 p.m. 9.45 p.m. to 11.15  
p.m. every half hour.

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8.00 a.m. to 9.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.  
9.00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. Every 30 minutes.  
10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.  
12.00 Noon to 1.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.  
1.00 p.m. to 1.45 p.m. Every 15 minutes.  
1.45 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.  
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Extra cars at 11.30 and 11.45 p.m.

SPECIAL CARS by Arrangement at the  
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Hongkong, June 4, 1903. 1091

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Hongkong, November 19, 1903. 2340

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## Intimations.

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Hongkong, May 20, 1903. 611

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Hongkong, July 7, 1903. 1416

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REGULAR STEAMSHIP LINE FROM  
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Hongkong, October 6, 1903. 2056

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(NEAR MESSRS. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.)  
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CHINA.

Hongkong, August 14, 1903. 1254

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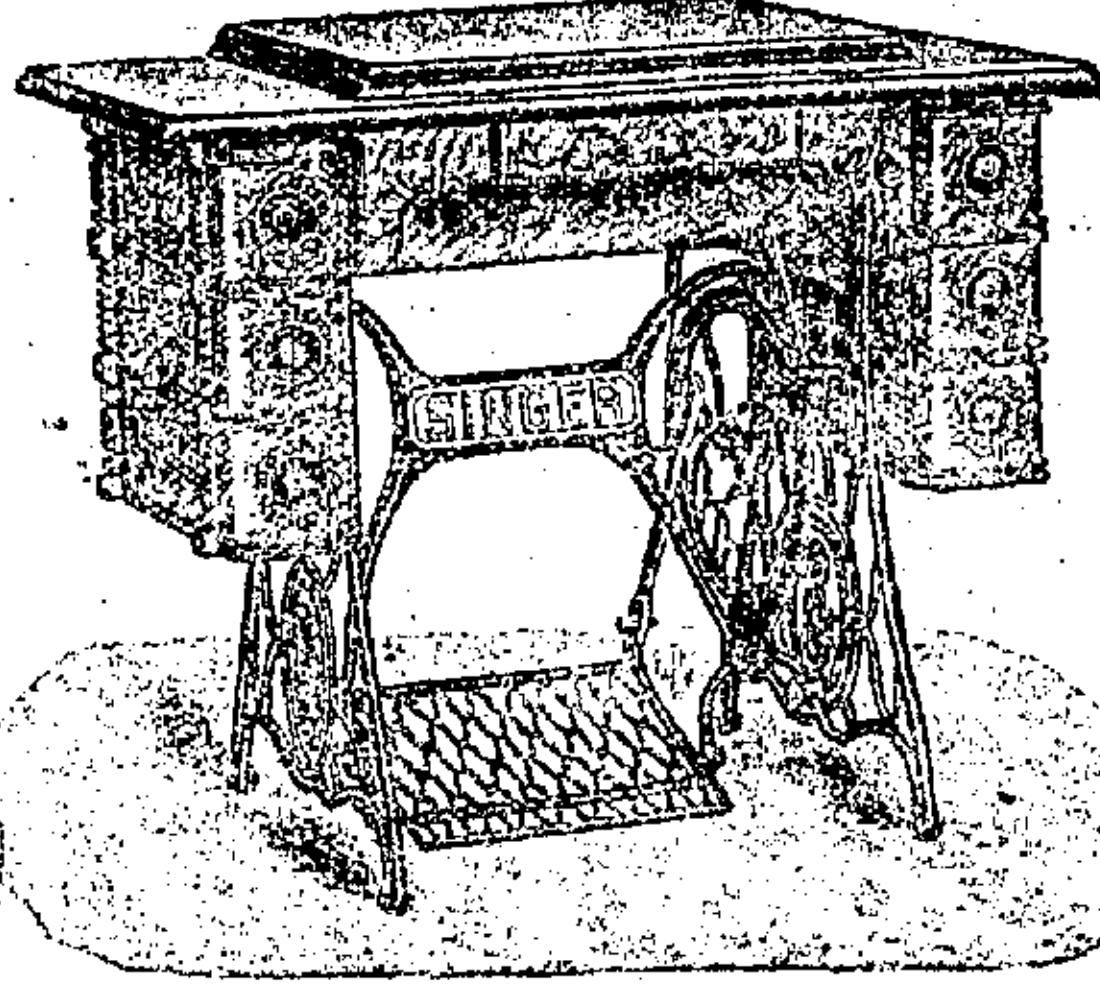
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## LATE TELEGRAMS.

## Mill on Fire in Bombay.

Bombay, November 12.—There has been  
a big fire at the Akbar Press Company,  
which kept all the Bombay fire brigade  
engaged for a long time yesterday. The  
mill is situated in a densely-crowded part  
of the city, and immense crowds collected,  
the police task being a difficult one. The  
damage is estimated at about Rs. 100,000.

## India and the Fiscal Reforms.

Bombay, November 7.—A special cable  
to the Times of India says that Sir Mun-  
djeeb Bhowmjee, M.P., has received an  
important letter from Mr. Chamberlain  
on the subject of the position of India in  
his scheme for the establishment of Im-  
perial reciprocity.

Mr. Chamberlain says that India will  
never be forced to join in his proposed  
scheme without her consent. She would,  
however, gain greatly by receiving preferential treatment for her  
principal products in British and Colonial  
markets. Before any scheme is formul-  
ed steps will be taken to ascertain pre-  
cisely what Indian opinion is upon this sub-  
ject.

## The New York Cotton Market.

London, November 8.—There is wild  
excitement in the New York cotton market  
owing to the bullish report of the Census  
Department showing a deficiency of two  
million bales as compared with 1902.  
Prices have in consequence jumped up,  
and hundreds of thousands of bales have  
changed hands. The market is in a mad  
tumult all day.

## The New Panama Government.

It is noteworthy that the new Govern-  
ment of Panama has appointed the finan-  
cial agent of the Panama Canal Company  
its diplomatic representative at Washing-  
ton.

Mr. Secretary Hay has issued a statement  
defending the recognition of the Panama  
Government by the United States, as in  
strict accordance with justice and equity  
and the only course possible in view of the  
fact of the American right of control over  
the Isthmian transit conferred by the treaty  
of New Granada of 1846 which became of  
transcendent importance through the  
acquisition of Hawaii and the Philippines.

It was the failure of the Canal Treaty which  
caused Panama's revolt. President Roose-  
velt's course was thus clear, namely to pre-  
vent encounters calculated to impede trans-  
it and recognize the established Govern-  
ment. President Roosevelt consequently  
advised the peaceful settlement and notified  
to the world that the United States would  
no longer allow bickering over Panama.

## More Fighting Near Aden.

Bombay, November 9.—The Times of  
India Aden correspondent says that, in  
consequence of the looting of the mail some  
time ago between the Khatib, Dohaim, and  
Dihala, the post-connection has been sus-  
pended by two mounted sepoy.

On 25th October, while the post camel-  
man was near Haraba, a party of the Ko-  
tahi tribe fired, killing the two sepoy.  
The camel of the post-carrier was wounded  
and he fled. The mountaineers looted the  
camel and took the skins and clothes of the  
sepoy as well as the mail. It is reported  
that a punitive expedition has been sent to  
chastise them, that it is bombarding their  
village, and that fighting is going on.

It is said that seven sepoy and one officer were  
wounded in this affair, but the operations  
are not yet concluded.

November 10.—An engagement has  
taken place in the Aden Harbour, and with  
the Khatib, Dohaim, who lost heavily. Eight  
of the Hampshire and one Sepoy were  
wounded.

## Murders in a Native State.

Shillong, November 4.—A great sen-  
sation prevails among the Khasis owing to  
the arrest by the Police, under the orders  
of Major Gordon, the Deputy Commis-  
sioner and the Political Officer of the  
Khasi and Jaintia Hills, of Rajah Sym-  
bam, the ruler of Chakma, Mongsyram,  
and his brother, with eleven others. It is  
alleged that two murders were committed  
in the Mongsyram State, under the orders  
of the ruling Chief, whose arrest is the  
result of an investigation of the crimes by  
the police. An armed police force was  
sent to Mongsyram to effect the arrest of  
the Chief and the other accused, and they  
were brought yesterday to the Shillong  
Cathedral, whence they were sent to jail,  
no consideration being paid to the Chief's  
rank and position.

## Army News.

Simla, November 9.—Approval has been  
given for the services of Captain Balmat  
Rich, Hussars, being ordered to the 10th  
Northwest as his Aide-de-Camp on ap-  
pointment as Governor-General and Com-  
mand-in-Chief of the Commonwealth of Australia.

Lieut. Colonel Donne, Assistant Adjutant  
General, Allahabad, is promoted to be  
Colonel of the 10th Hussars.

The retirement of Major McLachlan,  
Royal Scots, has been approved.  
Captain Moore, 3rd Hussars, is seconded  
for service with the Egyptian Army.

The services of Major W. L. Clarke,  
L.M.S., Civil Surgeon, Simla, are replaced  
at the disposal of the Government of the  
Punjab.

The following postings of Royal Artillery  
officers have been ordered:—Lieutenant  
Colonel Farley Wilkie to the 10th Brigade  
Royal Horse Artillery; Lieutenant Colonel  
Western to No. 44 Brigade Royal Field  
Artillery; Lieutenant Powell to No. 117  
Battery Royal Horse Artillery; Lieuten-  
ant Mayne to No. 6 Company Royal Gar-  
rison Artillery.

Colonel Gubbins is appointed P. M. O.,  
Bombay Command, vice Surgeon-General  
Price retired. Colonel Lake, R.A.M.C.,  
is appointed P. M. O., Bombay and Nap-  
pur Districts.

## Severe Floods in India.

Calcutta, November 8.—A cyclone in  
Madras is doing much damage. The heavy  
rainfall along the coast has extended  
into the interior.

A telegram from Cuddapah states that  
yesterday the town was flooded owing to  
the Buggair stream overflowing.

Much property was destroyed, involving  
aid and great distress and necessitating  
advances being made by the authorities to  
relieve the poor.

Bangalore, November 11.—Over four  
inches of rain fell last night. No mails  
have arrived this morning by the Madras  
or the Southern Mahrattah lines. The  
former line is under water between Malur  
and Whitefield. A relief train has left  
here. The mails are expected in the after-  
noon.

On the Southern Mahrattah line a cutting  
between Doddaballapur and Makdird ali-  
ped, bringing huge boulders down, and  
blocking the line. It will take three days  
to clear. It is still raining.

The Madras railway has been breached,  
and all traffic between Bangalore and Bow-  
rangpet is suspended until further notice.  
The mails due this morning from Calcutta  
and Madras are not able to get across the  
breaches; and the railway engineering staff  
is unable to restore through communication  
owing to continual rain.

Two trains which left Bangalore this



morning returned, as they could not tranship their passengers.

Calcutta, November 13.—Madras advices state that heavy rain continues, and the floods are playing havoc in the whole of the delta. The condition of things is practically at a standstill on the Madras railway lines, with no prospect of being resumed for days.

On the south-west line the Palar river has broken its banks, the Malpattu station yard has been cut through, and the station buildings are flooded.

The Bangalore branch has been breached badly in two places, and water is pouring through the breaches. Rain is still falling heavily, and the engineers are unable to do anything at present. All traffic has been stopped between Bangalore and Bangalore.

On the north-east line heavy rain continues, with several breaches, and all traffic is stopped on this line for a distance of 50 miles. Reports show that the rain continues, with a heavy flood pouring through all the breaches.

#### A RUSSIAN SPY AT CALCUTTA.

**The Attempt on Prince Galitzin**

The Prince Galitzin, Governor-General of the Caucasus, whom one of his countrymen has recently endeavored to knife in Tiflis, may possibly be remembered in Calcutta, as in 1881 he was here and stayed as the guest of Colonel and Mrs. J. H. Rivett-Carnac, who were down for the cold weather or season, Sir Mortimer and Lady Durand being also guests at the same time. He was a most engaging old man, and was brimming over with a quiet humour all his own, full of epigram and innocence—at least so every one thought, until some eighteen months afterwards when a long article appeared in the *Norne Press* in which the possibilities and impossibilities of India as a Russian province were very ably and exhaustively discussed. The charming old Prince was nothing more nor less than a very leading light of the Russian Intelligence Department, a person whom we, in our vulgar British way, call a spy. Prince Galitzin after having a particularly good look at India came to the conclusion that, although a Russian conquest would be a fairly easy matter, the administration of the country, according to Russian methods, would be so fraught with trouble and annoyance, not the least of which would be the Baboo, to whom the possibility of the knout and Siberia would be a "too much fearful thing" that the game would not be worth the candle. The Prince, as we say, was a man of infinite humour, though of a somewhat rugged exterior, and we are glad that the man with the knife made a bad shot and missed the spot he aimed at.

One of Prince Galitzin's little jests was to pose as the savage Tartar from the Steppes—he looked the part immensely well—and, when he was taken to the big fancy-dress ball at the Town Hall, he professed himself so overcome with the loveliness of feminine Calcutta that he at once enquired whether it would be possible to purchase a few dozen to take back to Russia with him. He was told that it could not be arranged!

—J. P. Gault.

#### MORE DESTRUCTIVE THAN WAR.

Ignorance of the cause and nature of human ailments, and of what best to do when attacked by sickness, is responsible for greater loss of life, and infinitely more prolonged suffering than the most devastating war that was ever waged. Wars break out, rage fiercely, subside, and there is peace once more in the land; but everywhere still always there is a proportion of the people who are sick and ailing, who cannot properly sustain their part in the competition of life, and whose time is passed in suffering, from which they receive no way of escape except by death.

In all ages the weak and noblest of mankind have exerted their mental power to the utmost to avert, so far as may be, the suffering and waste of humanity, and they have been rewarded by a large measure of success. The arts we deplore, great as they undoubtedly still are, have been enormously diminished by their efforts. Many modes of treatment formerly in high repute have been proved by modern science to be positively detrimental to patients, while remedies have been discovered of such wonderful efficacy that the cures they work would have been accounted miracles in a darker and more superstitious age.

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Albatross	torpedo boat destroyer	5000	11	5900	Comdr. R. M. M.	Hongkong
Albatross	torpedo boat destroyer	4050	6	900	Capt. G. V. Dugmore	Hongkong
Albatross	torpedo boat destroyer	180	2	800	Capt. J. A. C. Wilkinson	Hongkong
Albatross	torpedo boat destroyer	3400	8	9000	Lieut. Forbes	Hongkong
Albatross	torpedo boat destroyer	383	3	200	Capt. Leslie Stuart, G.M.C.	Hongkong
Albatross	torpedo boat destroyer	12,500	16	13,500	Comdr. S. G. John P. Irwin	Hongkong
Albatross	torpedo boat destroyer	980	10	1400	Lieut.-Comdr. A. B. Barker	Hongkong
Albatross	torpedo boat destroyer	335	6	5900	Lieut.-Comdr. Ernest O. Hardy	Hongkong
Albatross	torpedo boat destroyer	920	6	5900	In Reserve	Hongkong
Albatross	torpedo boat destroyer	150	2	550	Lieut.-Com. Hugh Somerville	Hongkong
Albatross	torpedo boat destroyer	150	2	550	Lieut.-Com. M. M.	Hongkong

\* Flag of Admiral Sir Cyprian A. G. Bridge, K.C.B., Commander-in-Chief.

#### Foreign Men-of-war on the China and Japan Station

Name.	Flag and Description.	Tons.	Guns.	H.P.	Captain.	Last reported
Aspern	Austrian cruiser	3662	—	—	Capt. Friedrich Grimenbenzen	Kiutaboa
Acheron	French gunboat	1796	—	—	Captain Inferriero	Singapore
Albatross	French gunboat	300	—	—	Lieut. A. Varney	Singapore
Argus	French gunboat	475	3	650	Capt. Crespin	Singapore
Aspic	French gunboat	—	—	—	Commander Journe	Singapore
Avanahoe	French gunboat	680	—	—	Lieut. Heron	Singapore
Bengali	French cruiser	3740	29	2500	Capt. Laferriere	Singapore
Chateaufort	French cruiser	6018	18	—	Captain de Pampelonne	Singapore
Comete	French gunboat	225	—	—	Commander Loei	Singapore
Decade	French gunboat	680	—	—	Commander Guthrie	Singapore
Kersaint	French gunboat	1250	6	2000	Capt. Le Gellou	Singapore
Lion	French gunboat	470	—	—	Capt. Bies	Singapore
Montcalm	French cruiser	9700	12	15,000	Captain Benoit	Singapore
Orly	French gunboat	4015	27	8500	Capt. Rana	Singapore
Pascal	French cruiser	9437	6	2071	Capt. Vincent	Singapore
Redoubtable	French cruiser	1796	10	—	Capt. Thomas	Singapore
Six	French gunboat	629	2	800	Lieut. Chiffard	Singapore
Takiang	French gunboat	—	—	—	Captain Blouet	Singapore
Takou	French destroyer	—	—	—	Lieut. Caral	Singapore
Yanbuu	French gunboat	—	—	—	Comdr. Villeneuve	Singapore
Vigilant	French gunboat	400	4	441	Capt. Huer	Kobe
Vipere	French gunboat	—	—	—	Capt. Friedrich	Singapore
Bussard	German cruiser	1887	15	2350	Comdr. Wulmann	Singapore
Furst Bismarck	German flagship	11,000	30	17,000	Capt. van Someren	Singapore
Goetz	German cruiser	1778	15	2350	Capt. G. M. M.	Singapore
Hansa	German cruiser	6000	34	10,000	Comdr. Commander Pator	Singapore
Hortha	German cruiser	6000	37	10,000	Comdr. Wilhelm	Singapore
Ilis	German gunboat	1000	10	1300	Comdr. Kroncke	Singapore
Jaguar	German gunboat	900	10	1300	Comdr. Fesper	Singapore
Luchs	German gunboat	850	10	—	Comdr. Hoffmann	Singapore
Möwe	German gunboat	1529	—	—	Comdr. Schuder	Singapore
Schiller	German cruiser	1540	15	2500	Lieut.-Comdr. von Veit	Singapore
Tiger	German cruiser	900	10	1300	Captain Dick	Singapore
Vorwärt	German gunboat	—	—	—	Capt. Castiglia Francesco	Singapore
Thetis	German cruiser	—	—	—	Captain Armona	Singapore
Calabria	Italian cruiser	2442	19	4420	Captain Zori	Singapore
Fiametta	Italian cruiser	2427	31	12,000	Capt. Diego de la	Singapore
Vesuvio	Italian cruiser	4500	21	6520	Capt. F. J. Barboza Leal	Singapore
Diu	Portuguese gunboat	750	—	—	Comdr. Guinter	Singapore
Zaire	Portuguese gunboat	600	—	—	Comdr. Grumetichoff	Singapore
Alcaut	Russian gunboat	816	6	700	Capt. Rostomichoff	Singapore
Amour	Russian cruiser	2600	5	4700	Comdr. Brjokovitch	Singapore
Askold	Russian cruiser	6000	27	—	Comdr. Brjokovitch	Singapore
Bayarin	Russian cruiser	2800	8	1150	Comdr. Brjokovitch	Singapore
Bobek	Russian gunboat	1050	8	1150	Comdr. Brjokovitch	Singapore
Boresay	Russian cruiser	6640	12	—	Comdr. Brjokovitch	Singapore
Diana	Russian cruiser	6731	9	—	Comdr. Brjokovitch	Singapore
Qaidamar	Russian gunboat	600	9	3500	Comdr. Brjokovitch	Singapore
Jermianoff	Russian gunboat	1400	6	2000	Comdr. Brjokovitch	Singapore
Gromobol	Russian battle ship	12,864	44	14,600	Captain Jensen	Singapore
Gulisk	Russian gunboat	1000	6	1000	Comdr. Shumoff	Singapore
Kovets	Russian gunboat	1213	7	1500	Comdr. Novakovich	Singapore
Mandjour	Russian gunboat	1224	7	1400	Comdr. Novakovich	Singapore
Ottajny	Russian gunboat	1400	6	2000	Comdr. Vasiloff	Singapore
Tallud	Russian cruiser	6731	12	—	Captain Koroloff	Singapore
Percarvet	Russian battle ship	12,674	15	14,600	Captain Jatrovoff	Singapore
Percarpovlev	Russian battle ship	10,660	16	10,000	Capt. Zataricoff	Singapore
Pobeda	Russian battle ship	12,674	15	14,600	Captain Koroloff	Singapore
Poltava	Russian battle ship	10,360	16	10,000	Comdr. Jensen	Singapore
Ranboynica	Russian cruiser	10,434	10	128	Captain Sepehromichoff	Singapore
Revizian	Russian battle ship	12,902	15	16,000	Capt. Matsuevich	Singapore
Rozia	Russian battle ship	12,200	68	17,000	Captain Sepehromichoff	Singapore
Rorik	Russian battle ship	10,923	26	13,250	Capt. Matsuevich	Singapore
Savotopol	Russian battle ship	10,980	18	10,000	Capt. Sepehromichoff	Singapore
Silach	Russian gunboat	950	2	1100	Capt. Sepehromichoff	Singapore
Sivorch	Russian gunboat	1080	3	1100	Capt. Sepehromichoff	Singapore
Varyag	Russian gunboat	6000	27	20,000	Capt. Sepehromichoff	Singapore
Vendik	Russian cruiser	500	8	800	Capt. Sepehromichoff	Singapore
Zaklyk	Russian cruiser	1230	15	1100	Capt. Sepehromichoff	Singapore
Albany	U. S. cruiser	3500	—	—	Capt. J. H. Bellamy	Singapore
Cashae	U. S. cruiser	2835	—	—	Lieut. R. A. Anderson	Singapore
Cincinnati	U. S. gunboat	3213	—	—	Capt. H. B. Mason	Singapore
Don Juan de Austria	U. S. gunboat	1150	—	7500	Captain Danfield	Singapore
Elcano	U. S. gunboat	540	—	—	Lt. Comdr. J. Hood	Singapore
Helena	U. S. gunboat	1332	6	1653	Captain Stanton	Singapore
*Kentucky	U. S. flagship	11,600	41	10,000	Captain M. M. Barry	Singapore
Minotack	U. S. monitor	3000	6	3000	Captain Mahan	Singapore
Monterey	U. S. gunboat	137.6	6	850	Capt. Denfield	Singapore
Monterey	U. S. monitor	4084	4	5244	Comdr. W. H. Beecher	Singapore
New Orleans	U. S. cruiser	3197	20	—	Commander Blockinger	Singapore
Oregon	U. S. cruiser	10,268	45	—	Captain Burwell	Singapore
Raleigh	U. S. cruiser	2813	—	—	Captain Nazro	Singapore
Yickburg	U. S. gunboat	1000	13	1118	Commander Marshall	Singapore
Yillabob	U. S. gunboat	400	—	—	Lieut. J. O. Borletto	Singapore
Wilmington	U. S. gunboat	1397	8	1804	Commander U. P. Harris	Singapore



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**Auctions.**  
2.50 p.m.—Auction of Goods, Suit  
Longth, Coating, &c., at Mr. V. I.  
Remedios' Sales Rooms.  
5 p.m.—Auction of a Fine Collection of  
Old & Rare Postage Stamps &c., at  
Mr. Geo. P. Jannet's Sale Rooms.

**Miscellaneous.**  
2.30 p.m.—Competition, for Spoons, of  
the Hongkong Rifle Association.  
**Amusements.**  
9 p.m.—Performance of Chavre's New  
Indian Circus.

**General Memoranda.**

Monday, November 30:—  
An Interim Dividend of A. S. Watson  
& Co., Limited.  
Wednesday, December 2:—  
Goods per *Royal Albert* undelivered  
after this date subject to rent.  
Goods per *Manila* undelivered after  
this date subject to rent.  
Thursday, December 3:—  
Goods per *Ceylon* not cleared at 4 p.m.  
of this date subject to rent.  
Friday, December 4:—  
9 a.m.—Military Practice.  
Tuesday, December 8:—  
New Meeting of Shareholders of The  
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**BIRTH.**  
On November 21, at Shanghai, the wife  
of Thos. J. Roche, of a Son.

**MARRIAGES.**  
On November 21, at H.B.M. Consulate-  
General, Shanghai, by the Rev. C. J. E.  
Sydney, B.A., Grace H. Phillips, of  
Shanghai, daughter of John Phillips, of Man-  
chester, to ANNE P. MELLOR, eldest  
daughter of the late George Mellor, of  
Sheffield.

At St Peter's, Eaton Square, London, S.  
W., on September 14, by the Rev. Thomas  
Salmon, Vicar, W. E. Phillips, of  
Wickford, Cheshire, second son of the late  
Edmund Peel, Esquire of Bryn-y-pys,  
Ellesmere, Salop, to Muriel, only daughter  
of the late J. A. Kennedy, Esq., and of  
Mrs M. Callum, The Grange, Ardnam,  
Argyllshire.—At home, Farnham, Cam-  
bridge.

**DEATH.**  
On November 22, at the General Hos-  
pital, Shanghai, JOHN ROBERT STOKER,  
Electrician, Old Dock.

The publication of this issue commenced  
at 5.00 p.m.

**The China Mail.**

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1903.

The summary of a leading article  
which we reproduce from *Le Courrier  
d'Asie* is chiefly remarkable for  
the claim it sets up that the Provinces  
of Kwangtung, Kwangsi and Yunnan  
are all embraced in the French sphere  
of influence in China. Considering the  
connection of British trade with China,  
and particularly with Kwangtung, and  
also the relation of Hongkong to that  
Province, the claim of our Tonkin con-  
temporaries is simply preposterous; but  
some excuse for the claim may be found  
in the ineptitude of the British au-  
thorities and the agreement quoted by  
our contemporaries. It will be a severe  
blow to British enterprise in South  
China if the British Government allows  
the French claims to exclusive mining  
rights to remain uncontested. The  
French have not been so successful in  
Tonkin or Indo-China to warrant this  
wholesale absorption of the three  
southern provinces of China, nor has  
the French treatment of British trade  
been such as to encourage the hope  
that our enterprise would be accorded  
fair treatment if the French are allowed  
to dominate the provinces in which  
Hongkong is specially interested. We  
cannot forget how the door was closed  
to our transit trade in Tonkin, nor the  
efforts the French have made ever since  
to neutralise the benefit the Colony  
derived from the opening of the West  
River when necessity forced our traders  
to seek another route instead of the  
Red River to reach the western pro-  
vince of Yunnan and the consuming  
districts of Kwangsi. There is a ten-  
dency just now to bring about a *rap-  
prochement* between France and Great  
Britain, and Britishers all over the  
world welcome the attempt to bring  
two neighbouring and powerful States  
into closer and friendlier relationship.  
But British residents in the Far East  
would do well not to allow this prize-  
worthy movement to blind their eyes to  
what is going on in Southern China.  
By every subterfuge in its power the  
French Colonial party is endeavouring  
to create fictitious 'interests' in  
Kwangtung and Kwangsi. Along the  
seaboard, they have established expen-  
sive Post Offices which do very little  
business, subsidised steamers visit  
the seaports regardless of commercial  
success, the French flag flies from  
foreign capital in the waterways of  
Southern China, and a light railway  
has been brought up to the Tonkin  
frontier ready to penetrate Kwangsi  
when the psychological moment arrives.  
The French do not work mines in the  
interior, nor are they doing anything  
to encourage the development of the  
resources of the interior in such a man-  
ner as to give the natives the wherewithal  
to purchase foreign manufactured  
articles. And yet the *Courrier d'Asie*  
holds this preposterous *Gérard* agree-  
ment over the heads of all other  
nationals and warns them off  
French preserves! It may be that  
we take our Tonkin contemporaries too  
seriously. But it is nevertheless a fact  
that the French have designs upon  
Canton, upon the whole of the Kwang-  
tung Province, and it ought to be the  
aim of those who have the shaping of  
the future of Hongkong to counteract  
now the efforts of the French to mislead  
public opinion in France and in Eng-  
land. We commend the consideration  
of the *Gérard* Agreement to the Hong-  
kong Chamber of Commerce, which  
should be especially interested in the  
French attempt to control all the mines  
in the Province of Kwangtung. If

any semi-public body is interested in  
the policy of 'equality of opportunity'  
in the adjacent Province, it is the  
Chamber of Commerce; and upon it lies  
the responsibility, to a great extent, of  
pressing the matter upon the immediate  
attention of the British Minister at  
Peking and the Colonial Government.

**LOCAL AND GENERAL.**

**Japanese Clocks.**  
In Nagoya, Japan, over 200,000 clocks  
of various descriptions are made every year  
and over 70 per cent. of this number are  
shipped abroad. China offers the best  
market. Considerable numbers go to India  
and other Asiatic ports or countries. The  
business during the first six months of this  
year was but little improved since September.

**Colliery Disaster in Japan.**  
In a colliery disaster at Akita, Japan,  
one foreman, 34 men and one student from  
Yokura, who was studying mining opera-  
tions, were killed. Mr Yasukawa, the own-  
er of the mine, has a reputation for adopt-  
ing various improvements in order to  
increase the output and ensure the safety  
of the miners. Notwithstanding this there  
have been six disasters at the mine during  
the last three years. The recent one was  
the worst of all. The total loss to the mine  
will exceed yen 150,000. At the time of  
the explosion nearly 450 men were working  
close to the place.

**The Price of Manchuria.**

The *P. and T. Times* says:—China's  
appeals to the Powers for assistance at the  
present crisis have elicited a few home  
truths. One Minister has pointed out that  
China really signed a convention with  
Russia and did not notify them; she cannot  
now ask their help to get out of the hole.  
Another one has told the Waiwup that  
they sold Manchuria for five million  
taels, and fifty millions would not buy it  
back. Asked to explain this statement,  
the Minister has pointed to the capital of a  
certain bank in Peking borrowed from the  
Russians, and said: "There is the price  
paid for Manchuria."

**Proposed New Capital of China.**

It is stated in mandarin circles that  
Hsian, the capital of Shensi province, is to  
be renamed Ch'ang'an (City of Eternal  
Peace) which was the former name of Hsian  
when it was the capital of China, a thousand  
and more years ago during the Tang  
dynasty. Further that Fan Ts'ung-shan  
who has been sent back to Hsian once more  
as Provincial Judge of Shensi, is to be made  
"Fuyin" or Governor of the new capital.  
There does not seem to be much doubt in  
official minds at the present moment that  
Peking is soon to be abandoned once more  
by the Court, no matter how the Manchur-  
ian crisis may turn out.

**Seeking Knowledge.**

The *Chungking* correspondent of the  
*N. Y. Daily News* says:—Dr Macklin and Mr.  
A. E. Cory of Nanjing went through here  
on a trip to the northern corner of this pro-  
vince. Their destination was Puchow but  
they may take the occasion to visit Kai-  
fengfu. Following this came Dr Derins,  
editor of the *New York Observer*, who with  
his wife is making a tour of the world,  
studying mission work. He was going to  
Puchow, to see the Presbyterian station  
there. His short visit here was a rich  
treat. Coming from the other way was Mr.  
Bostick of the Gospel Mission. He has been  
working alone at Puchow for some time and  
was on his way to Shanghai.

**Evils of Government Monopolies.**

In the course of a leading article on  
Government finance the *Japan Herald* has  
the following on the proposed sugar and  
cigarette monopoly:—"To meet a deficiency,  
which, owing to strong opposition  
cannot be met in other ways, the propos-  
ed to deprive a certain portion of the com-  
munity of their business. It is not only a  
coincidence that the particular business  
attacked is one in which a large amount of  
foreign capital is invested, but a view of  
the desired introduction of foreign capital  
it is, to say the least, an unfortunate coin-  
cidence, and the action of the Government  
will not tend to promote confidence among  
foreign investors. It is, however, the  
tyrannical action of the Government in  
seizing on a certain business and invert-  
ing it into a government monopoly, to  
which the greatest objection must be taken.  
The financial powers given to a government  
are restricted to raising money for ex-  
penditure on public works and the man-  
agement of public concerns, and were never  
intended to enable it to enter into com-  
petition with private individuals for the  
possession of a certain number of them of their  
lives. Even the adoption of monopolies  
does not come within the sphere of a  
government's duties, for whereas it ob-  
viously the duty of a government to pro-  
tect the industries of a country against  
the unfairness of the people, any restriction  
of their enterprise must prove prejudicial,  
and in the end cause more loss than gain."

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**LOCAL AND GENERAL.**

**Notes by the Way.**

An automobile car service is to be  
established between Nagasaki and Moji.

The N.Y.K. is to pay a dividend at the  
rate of 12 per cent per annum for the half  
year.

The midshipmen of the *Glory* produced  
"The Pierrots," a musical farce, at the  
Gymnasium, Kobe, on November 14.

Opposition continues to grow stronger  
among tobacco men in Japan in regard to  
the tobacco manufacture monopoly scheme.

The N.Y.K.S. *Mikawa Maru*, which  
broke down at Aburatsubo Bay, was towed  
to Shimonoseki, and is to be taken to Kobe  
for repairs.

The temperature at the Peak Tramway  
Station (topside) was 48 degrees F. this  
morning at nine o'clock; at the Golden  
Road Station it was 57 degrees F. At two  
o'clock, the temperature at the Peak had  
risen to 51 degrees.

A well-merited sentence was imposed on  
Loi Po and Chung Lau at the Magistrate's  
Court to-day by Mr T. Sercombe Smith. They  
were charged, in company with Ma Sam,  
with bringing three women into the Colony  
for prostitution. Ma Sam was sentenced to  
one month's imprisonment, while the other  
two were awarded six months' goal.

**The Wanchai Murder.**

Tsang Shang, who is charged with  
being concerned in the murder of a woman  
in Wanchai, on May 19 last, was again  
before Mr T. Sercombe Smith, at the Magis-  
tracy to-day. Accused said that he was  
not in Hongkong on May 10, but a witness  
for the defence subsequently said he was  
with him on that day. The case was still  
proceeding when we went to press.

**Band at the Hongkong Hotel.**

By kind permission of Major Radcliff  
and Officers, the Band of the 93rd Burma  
Infantry will play at the Hongkong Hotel,  
to-morrow (Saturday) evening, from 8 to  
9.30 p.m.:—

March....."Soldiers of the King".....Havill  
Overture....."Stradella".....Flotow  
Selection....."The Girl from  
Kays".....Ivan Caryll  
Cornet Solo....."Eine Nacht in der  
Schweiz".....Humo  
Selection....."Reminiscences of  
Scotland".....Godfrey  
Valse....."The Choristers".....Phelps  
Nocturne....."L'Esperance".....Archer  
GOD SAVE THE KING.

**Russia and Korea.**

The *Asahi* publishes a Seoul telegram  
to the effect that on Nov. 14 the Russian  
Minister in Seoul addressed a Note to the  
Korean Foreign Office inquiring by whose  
advice the Korean Government proposed to  
open Yung-an-phe to foreign trade. The  
next day the Korean Minister for Foreign  
Affairs replied that the proposal was made  
by the Korean Government in its own  
initiative. According to the *Asahi* correspon-  
dent, the Korean Government, however,  
still hesitates to carry out the proposal,  
pending the result of the negotiations be-  
tween Japan and Russia.

**The Russians in Mukden.**

According to a Tientsin dispatch re-  
ceived by the *Asahi*, the Russians, after  
the occupation of Mukden, posted gendarmes  
at various places in the city, urging the  
inhabitants not to be alarmed. They have  
been making every effort to secure the favour  
of the inhabitants, while the tax authorities  
have amended the Chinese Tax Regulations,  
removing all the additional taxes. Nearly  
all the inhabitants are said to be dis-  
playing Russian flags from their houses.  
Mr Uchida, the Japanese Minister at  
Peking, called on Prince Ching on Nov.  
16. The Minister informed Prince Ching  
of the situation of the Russo-Japanese  
negotiations and the views of the Powers  
on the question, advising that the Chinese  
Government should not hesitate to take a  
strong stand against the Russian occupa-  
tion of Mukden, which was an unsuccess-  
ful move on the part of Russia.

**Decoration for Major J. M. Callum.**

From the *Army and Navy Gazette* we  
clip the following which will prove of in-  
terest to the many friends of Major John  
M. Callum, late Commandant of the Hong-  
kong Volunteers, and now of 'The Crom-  
lech,' Ardnadam, Argyllshire.—The  
King has been pleased to confer the Vol-  
unteer Officers' Decoration upon a number  
of Officers of the Volunteer force, who  
have been duly recommended for the  
same under the terms of the Royal Warrant  
dated 25th July, 1892. These include  
Captain and Hon. Major John M. Callum,  
retired, of The Cromlech, Ardnadam, late  
of the 1st Renfrew and Dumbarton Royal  
Garrison Artillery Volunteers.

Another item which will prove of interest  
to Major M. Callum's friends will be that  
his son Gordon M. Callum was mentioned  
in the despatches of Major-General Baden-  
Powell of January 1902. Trooper M. Cal-  
lum was then serving under Captain  
Kilson in No. 7 Troop, E. Division,  
of the Yeomanry, at De Hoop in the  
Orange River Colony. The troop was  
surrounded by Boers, and it was only by the  
exercise of judicious tactics and great brav-  
ery that they extricated themselves.  
Trooper M. Callum was wounded in the  
engagement which ensued, and was men-  
tioned by the Inspector General for "con-  
spicuous coolness and good work." He was  
given a clasp for bravery and coolness in  
action. Trooper M. Callum is still in  
South Africa and is now a member of the  
Constabulary.

**LOCAL AND GENERAL.**

**Dowager Empress' Birthday.**

To-morrow is the 68th anniversary of  
the birthday of the Dowager Empress,  
which she has been looking forward to for  
so long. In order to dodge the devils she  
celebrates her 70th anniversary.

**The 'Sacramento.'**

It was reported this morning that the  
American transport *Sacramento* was in  
trouble somewhere in the China Sea. As  
a matter of fact she was lying snugly in the  
harbour at 6 o'clock last night. She goes  
into dock for repainting and overhaul.

**Rosebery on Unity.**

The London correspondent of the *In-  
dian Daily Telegraph* wires that Lord  
Rosebery's appeal for unity has been most  
warmly received by the Liberal press. His  
success is regarded as essential for the de-  
feat of Mr Chamberlain's proposals. Lord  
Rosebery has apparently embarked on a  
further course of spade work. He will speak  
in London on the 25th on the fiscal  
problem.

**Good Bag of Snipe.**

That snipe and quail are beginning to  
show themselves is evident from the fact  
that Mr Henry Humphreys got 14 couple  
of snipe and 8 quail in 4½ hours yesterday.  
This is rather a good bag for one gun,  
and is a record for the season, we believe,  
especially if the time is taken into con-  
sideration. At any rate, it is the largest bag  
we have heard of for one gun in less than  
five hours since the season opened.

**Foreign Warships.**

The French first-class cruiser *Château-  
renault* (Commander V. Poilone) arrived  
in port this morning from Amoy. The  
*Châteaufort* is a steel (sheathed) cruiser  
with a displacement of 8710 tons, a length  
of 442 feet 10 inches, a beam of 55 feet 9  
inches, and a draught of 24 feet 6 inches.  
She has three propellers, and an indicated  
horse power of 23,000. She was built at  
La Seyne in 1898 at a cost of \$606,653. Her  
armament consists of two 6.4 in quick-firers,  
six 5.5 in, and ten 1.8 in guns. Her speed  
is 23 knots per hour. The Russian train-  
ing ship *Oberea* left for Singapore and Home  
to-day.

**The Viceroy Burned Out.**

An Allahabad telegram, dated 7th  
inst., says:—With reference to the fire in  
the camp pitched at Patiala for the Viceroy,  
the *Pioneer* learns that half of the  
camp was burnt down on Tuesday after-  
noon. This half included the Durbar  
dining and drawing room tents, the  
Viceroy's living tents and the large tents  
pitched for the State banquet. These  
were all destroyed in a few minutes, with  
the carpets and furniture. A few durbar  
chairs, pictures and hangings were saved;  
everything else was destroyed, including  
some priceless old Indian pictures. The  
tents for the Staff and Secretaries escaped;  
no lives were lost, but there were some  
narrow escapes among the salvage party.  
The fire originated in the fusion of an  
electric wire. The Council of the Regency  
and the State officials have put their  
shoulders to the wheel, and another set  
of tents was pitched, and the camp was again  
quite ready by Saturday morning. Abdul  
Majid Khan, the Foreign Minister, who is  
in charge, worked wonders.

**China and Her Army.**

News comes from the North that the  
Tartar Generals, Viceroy, and Governors  
of the Yangtze and maritime provinces  
have lately been very busy in raising extra  
troops, reviewing garrisons, and sending  
arms and ammunition to important cities  
and towns within their several jurisdictions.  
The other day the Acting Tartar General  
of Nanking, H.E. K'uei Fang, having in-  
spected the Manchur troops of that  
city went on to Chinkiang to do the same  
with the Manchur regiments garrisoning  
that city and vicinity. It is reported that  
H.E. was much pleased with the dis-  
cipline and efficiency of the Chinese  
Banner, or Manchur troops, and gave out to  
the men that as the present crisis was most  
uncertain it behoved every one to be pre-  
pared to fight for the Empire at any moment.  
The Admiral of the Yangtze is also inspec-  
ting troops under his command, and has  
issued a large quantity of new arms and  
ammunition to a number of regiments  
whose arms he found to be of the  
older pattern. Instructions have also  
been sent by Viceroy Wei of Nanking  
to the military officials in Taikiangpu,  
on the Grand Canal, Hsuehohu, and  
Huanfing to raise extra regiments  
without delay. The reason given for this  
is not the imminence of a rupture with  
Russia, but the possibility of the revolu-  
tionary societies in the Yangtze provinces  
taking advantage of the uncertainty of the  
Manchurian crisis to create disturbances in  
the riverine trade ports. The Governor  
at Soochow has also ordered the raising of  
extra troops for whom new arms and am-  
munition have already been provided.  
From Hangchow comes the news also of  
considerable military activity and that a  
large quantity of arms and ammunition  
have been sent to Ningpo.

**Children when Teething.**

HAVE more or less diarrhoea, which  
cannot be checked effectually, as the  
cause cannot be removed; but the diarrhoea  
can and should be controlled by giving  
Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy,  
and an occasional dose of castor oil to  
clear the system.  
During the summer months children are  
subject to disorders of the bowels and  
should receive the most careful attention.  
As soon as any looseness of the bowels is  
noticed, Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea  
Remedy should be given. Get a bottle  
to-day; it may save a life. For sale by all  
chemists and medicine vendors; WATKIN  
Ltd., General Agents.

**LOCAL AND GENERAL.**

**New Labour Union in Kobe.**

Nearly three hundred building con-  
tractors and carpenters of Kobe and Hyogo  
have decided to form a union with the view  
of placing their trades upon a better basis  
and removing existing evils.

**The Population of France.**

The *Journal Officiel* published on the  
23rd ult. the returns of the population  
of France in 1902. The year's births  
exceeded the deaths by 83,944, but this  
apparently favourable result is entirely  
owing to the diminution in the death-rate,  
and, as a matter of fact, the births de-  
creased during the year. The number of mar-  
riages during 1902 was 8683 less than in  
1901, while divorces showed an increase of  
600.

**League Football.**

H.M.S. *Amphitrite* and H.M.S. *Ben-  
heim* met in a league football match yester-  
day afternoon at Happy Valley. The match  
resulted in a draw, each team scoring two  
goals. The teams were:—

H.M.S. *Amphitrite*:—Sprout, goal;  
Parker (captain), Haslkins, backs; Peggs,  
Wright, Davidson, halves; Kenrick, O'Con-  
nelly, Liles, Webster, Clarridge, forwards.  
H.M.S. *Benheim*:—Henderson, goal;  
Waldron, Wilson, backs; Coyne, Kerry,  
McConnell, halves; Hughes, Waddle,  
Strong, Hayes, Sherwood, forwards.

**No Rat Guards Again.**

The master of the S.S. *Ceylon* was  
proceeded against by Sergt. Aris at the  
Magistrate's to-day, before Mr T. Sercombe  
Smith, on a charge of neglecting to provide  
proper double flanged funnels on all rope  
hawsers, etc., leading from his vessel to the  
wharf where there was only a one-flanged funnel;  
and that was in good condition. His  
Worship adjourned the case to allow an  
Inspector to visit the ship for further  
particulars. After the adjournment the  
Inspector said that at the time the  
Sergeant called the Chief Officer's  
attention to the rat guards, there  
was only one flange on one rope. His  
Worship held that a breach of the Ordina-  
nce had been made, but, as the Captain  
had been put to a lot of trouble, he would  
not inflict a fine.

**Coal for the Far East.**

The *Standard* of 27th ult. reports:—  
Several more steamers were chartered at  
Cardiff, yesterday, for Port Arthur, Shang-  
hai, and Japan ports, bringing the total  
number of vessels chartered for the Far  
East from Cardiff during the past fortnight  
to twenty-four. The total amount of coal  
thus carried is between 110,000 and 120,000  
tons. Large orders are being placed by  
representatives of certain foreign Powers  
—Japan is said to be a buyer—with one or  
two colliery firms in South Lancashire.  
They amount to some scores of thousands  
of tons, at prices rather in excess of the  
rates lately quoted. The coal must be  
delivered by the end of January.

**Band Performance.**

The following is the programme of  
music to be performed by the Band and  
Drums of the 1st Sherwood Foresters, on  
the New Parade Ground, on Saturday  
next, the 28th inst., from 3 to 5 p.m.:—  
Overture....."Charles V.".....Halley  
Valse....."Farewell, Don't be cross".....Zeller  
March (Drum). "Abraham".....Joyce  
Selection















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Destination.	Passage.	Agents.	Date of Leaving.
Australian Ports, &c.	Eastern (s) .....	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Dec. 16, at Noon.
Bremen, &c.	Prinz Heinrich (s) .....	Molchers & Co.	December 9.
Bremen, &c.	Korrig Albert (s) .....	Melchers & Co.	December 23.
B'bay, S'p'oro & Hongkong	Bombay Maru (s) .....	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Dec. 1, at Noon.
Havre and Hamburgh	Suevia (s) .....	Hamburg-Anka Ltd.	December 1.
Havre and Hamburgh	Argos (s) .....	Hamburg-Anka Ltd.	December 15.
Kobe	Chingta (s) .....	Butterfield & Swire.	December 10.
Moilo & Cebu	Nanchang (s) .....	Butterfield & Swire.	December 4.
Kobe & Yokohama	Sanuki Maru (s) .....	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Dec. 4, Daylight.
Kobe	Kinshin Maru (s) .....	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Dec. 14, at Noon.
Liverpool	Achilles (s) .....	Butterfield & Swire.	December 19.
London, &c.	Augusta (s) .....	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Dec. 5 at Noon.
London, Antwerp &c.	Fernosa (s) .....	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Dec. 11.
London & Antwerp	Glenshiel (s) .....	McGregor, Bros. & Gow	December 3.
Manila	Rohilla Maru (s) .....	Toyoi Kinshin Kaisha.	Dec. 1 at 11 a.m.
Manila	Tremont (s) .....	Dodwell & Co. Limited	Nov. 15, at Noon.
Manila	Rubi (s) .....	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	Dec. 29, at 10 a.m.
Manila	Zafiro (s) .....	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	Dec. 5, at 10 a.m.
Manila	Kaifong (s) .....	Butterfield & Swire	December 2.
Manila, Aus'lian Ports	Chungsha (s) .....	Butterfield & Swire	December 2.
Manila, A'lian Ports	Airlio (s) .....	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Nov. 28, at Noon.
Manila, Aus'lian Ports	Kumano Maru (s) .....	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Dec. 4, at 4 p.m.
Mar., L'don, A'lyp, &c.	Karachi Maru (s) .....	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Dec. 12, Daylight.
McGuillies via Saigon	Manche (s) .....	Messageries Maritimes	Dec. 1, at 1 p.m.
Mar., L'don & A'lyp	Hyson (s) .....	Butterfield & Swire	December 8.
Mar., L'don, A'lyp, &c.	Sado Maru (s) .....	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Nov. 28, Daylight.
N'ki, Kobe & Y'mbu	Yawata Maru (s) .....	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Dec. 2, at Noon.
New York v. Suez Canal	Shannon (s) .....	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	Dec. 1, at 1 p.m.
New York v. Suez Canal	Lorther Castle (s) .....	Dodwell & Co. Limited	December 15.
New York v. Suez Canal	Hermiston (s) .....	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	About Dec. 2.
New York v. Suez Canal	Himera (s) .....	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	About Dec. 5.
New York	Gleuroy (s) .....	McGregor, Bros. & Gow	December 16.
R'gon, v. Amoy & Swatow	Palamotta (s) .....	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Dec. 1, at 4 p.m.
Shanghai	Claydon (s) .....	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Dec. 1, at 4 p.m.
Shanghai	Sinla (s) .....	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Dec. 4.
San F'isco via Japan	Atthol (s) .....	China Com. S. Co., Ltd.	Dec. 2, at Noon.
S'hai and Portland, Or.	Indrasramia (s) .....	Portland & Asiatic Co.	Dec. 14.
S'pore, Pang, Calcutta	Luisang (s) .....	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Dec. 1, at Noon.
S'pore, Java Ports, &c.	Tippu (s) .....	Hutch & Co.	About Nov. 28.
S'pore, Kobe & Y'mbu	Timbl (s) .....	Holz & Jacob & Co.	About Dec. 5.
S'pore, Kobe & Y'mbu	Salazie (s) .....	Messageries Maritimes	About Dec. 1.
S'pore, Pang, B'bay &c.	China (s) .....	Saunders, Wieler & Co.	December 19, p.m.
S'pore, Amoy & Tanai	Daiji Maru (s) .....	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	November 58.
Stow, Amoy & Ningpo	Makurru Maru (s) .....	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	December 29.
Stow, Amoy, Foochow	Asping Maru (s) .....	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	December 19.
Swatow	Hailong (s) .....	Douglas Lapsack & Co.	Nov. 28, at 3 p.m.
Yancover (B.C.), &c.	Empress of Japan (s) .....	Canadian P'fe R. Co.	December 16.
Yancover (B.C.), &c.	Empress of China (s) .....	Canadian P'fe R. Co.	January 13.
Victoria, B. C., Tacoma	Tacoma (s) .....	Dodwell & Co. Limited	December 19.
Victoria, B. C., Tacoma	Victoria (s) .....	Dodwell & Co. Limited	December 19.
Victoria, B. C., Seattle	Shirah (s) .....	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Nov. 28, at 4 p.m.
Y'm, S'hai, Meji, Kobe	Ceylon (s) .....	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Nov. 29.

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Stocks.	No. of Shares.	Value.	Paid up.	Outstanding Dividends.
				Cash.
BANKS.				
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corp.	30,000	£ 125	all	{ \$600, buyers
National Bank of China, Limited ..	10,970	£ 10	£ 8	{ London, £22.10
	29,955	£ 10	£ 8	{ \$20, buyers
Do. Founders' share	750	£ 1	£ 1	{ \$10
MARINE INSURANCE.				
Canton Insurance Office Co., Ltd. ...	10,000	£ 250	£ 50	{ \$175, sales
China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd. ...	24,000	£ 83.33	£ 25	{ \$61, sellers
North-China Insurance Co., Ltd. ....	5,000	£ 100	£ 25	{ \$120
Union Insurance Co., Ltd. ....	10,000	£ 250	£ 100	{ \$182½, sales & sellers
Yangtze Insurance Association, Ltd.	8,000	£ 100	£ 60	{ \$135
FIRE INSURANCES.				
China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. ....	20,000	£ 100	£ 50	{ \$90, sellers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. ...	8,000	£ 250	£ 50	{ \$320, sellers
DOCKS, ETC.				
It'kong & Whampoa Dock Co. Ltd.,	50,000	£ 50	all	{ \$207
See, Fenwick & Co., Limited ..	6,000	£ 25	£ 25	{ \$47
New Amoy Dock Co., Ltd. ....	6,000	£ 63	£ 63	{ \$88, sellers
S. C. Farham, Boyd & Co. Ltd. ....	55,700	£ 100	£ 100	{ \$125, buyers
STEAMBOATS, TUGS, ETC.				
China and Manila S. S. Co., Ltd. {	30,000	£ 50	£ 50	{ \$19, sellers
Groenestein Steamship Co., Limited ..	20,000	£ 50	all	{ \$30, sales
H.K. & M. Steamboat Co., Ltd. ....	80,000	£ 15	£ 15	{ \$80, buyers
Indo-China S. N. Company, Limited	60,000	£ 10	all	{ \$75, buyers
Star Ferry Company, Ltd. ....	10,000	£ 10	£ 10	{ \$27, buyers
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Ltd.	10,000	£ 1	£ 1	{ \$16½, buyers
Toku Tsubo and Lighter Co., Ltd. ....	8,800	£ 50	£ 50	{ \$17½, buyers
Shanghai & Lighter Co., Ltd. ....	200,000	£ 60	£ 60	{ \$134, sales
do. Preferences.	100,000	£ 60	£ 60	{ \$134, sales
REFINERIES.				
China Sugar Company, Limited ..	20,000	£ 100	a	{ \$105, sellers
Luzon Sugar Company, Limited ..	7,000	£ 100	a	{ \$10, sellers
Perak Sugar Cultivation Co., Ltd. ....	7,000	£ 60	£ 60	{ \$10, 00
WHALES.				
H.K. & Kw. Wharf & Godown Co.	30,000	£ 50	all	{ \$33½, buyers
Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Co., Ltd.	20,100	£ 100	£ 100	{ \$16, sales
LAND AND BUILDING.				
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited ..	50,000	£ 100	100	{ \$151, sellers
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Ltd.	3,000	£ 60	£ 60	{ \$103
Ke-lewong Land and Building Company	6,000	£ 60	£ 30	{ \$35
Wei-hei-wai Land & Building Co., Ltd.	3,764	£ 25	£ 25	{ \$124, sellers
Thompsons Estate & Finance Co.	100,000	£ 10	all	{ \$11, sales
West Point Building Co., Limited ..	12,500	£ 50	£ 50	{ \$52½, sellers
RAILWAYS.				
H.K. High-Level Railways Co., Ltd.	1,250	£ 100	all	{ \$320, sellers
MINING.				
J. Jehu Mining & Trading Co., Ltd. ...	60,000	£ 5	£ 5	{ 50 cents, sellers
New Nujon Mining Co., Ltd. ....	60,000	£ 11	£ 11	{ \$1.60, sellers

Watkins Limited	10,000	\$	10	\$	10	\$72, sellers
LIGHTING.						
H.K. and China Gas Co., Limited	7,000	£	10	all	\$149, buyers	
Shanghai Gas Company, Ltd.	8,000	Tls.	50	Tls. 55	Tls. 108, sales	
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	30,000	\$	10	\$	110 \$124	
New Electrics (new issue)	30,000	\$	10	\$	6 563, sellers	
BRICK AND CEMENT.						
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$	10	\$	10 5231, buyers	
MISCELLANEOUS.						
Manila Investment Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$	50	\$	50 \$15	
United Asiatic Eastern Agency, Ltd.	8,604	£	12 6/8	£	12 6/8 \$5, sellers	

International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	10,000	Tls. 75	Tls. 75	Tls. 22
Laou-Kun-Mow Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ltd.	8,000	Tls. 100	Tsialoo	Tls. 35
See Choo Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	2,000	Tls. 600	Tsiao500	Tls. 200
China President Loan Mortgage Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$	17	\$ 10
China Bank Company, Ltd.	60,000	\$	13	\$ 28, sellers
Universa Trading Co.	20,000	\$	20	\$ 23, buyers
Campbell Moore & Co., Limited	1,200	\$	15	all 40
Wm. Poye, Ltd.	12,000	\$	19	\$ 10 88, buyers
Shaughnessy & Langhorne Dyeing and Finishing Co., Ltd.	1,200	\$	50	\$ 50, Nominal
Thun-Guan-Hou-Kun Lee and Gold	70,000	\$	10	\$ 10, 510

SWAN EYE and Hongkong Dyeing Sinsang and Co., Ltd. ....	1,200	\$	50	\$	50	\$30, Nominal
The Canton-Hongkong Ice and Cold Storage Company, Limited .....	70,000	\$	10	\$	10	\$10, Nominal
ICEBERG COMPANIES.						
Philippine Tobacco Trust Co., Ltd.....	20,000	\$	50	\$	50	\$15 sellers
A'lumbra Limited.....	300	\$	500	\$	0.50	\$250

LOANS.	Amount.	Value.	Interest	Quotation.
Chinese Imperial 1886	Tls. 767,200	Tls. 2607 1/2 p. annum	Par	

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